

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-35. (Cancelled)

36. (New) Container delimited by a wall arrangement comprising shaped wall arrangement that protrudes towards the exterior of said container, said container comprising a stiffening element arranged to stiffen said shaped wall arrangement, wherein said stiffening element comprises a stiffening wall distanced from said shaped wall arrangement.
37. (New) Container according to claim 36, wherein said stiffening wall has a substantially flat shape.
38. (New) Container according to claim 36, wherein said stiffening wall extends between a first edge and a second edge delimiting said shaped wall arrangement.
39. (New) Container according to claim 38, wherein said stiffening wall has a length substantially the same as a longitudinal dimension of said shaped wall

arrangement, said length and said longitudinal dimension being measured parallel to said first edge .

40. (New) Container according to claim 39, and furthermore comprising an anchoring element arranged to anchor said stiffening wall to supporting wall adjacent to said shaped wall arrangement.
41. (New) Container according to claim 40, wherein said anchoring element comprises an anchoring wall adjacent to said shaped wall arrangement.]
42. (New) Container according to claim 41, wherein said anchoring wall has a longitudinal extent measured parallel to said first edge substantially the same as said length of said stiffening wall.
43. (New) Container according to claim 41, wherein said anchoring wall has a substantially flat shape and is fixed to a flat portion of said supporting wall.
44. (New) Container according to claim 41, wherein said anchoring wall is glued to said supporting wall.
45. (New) Container according to claim 41, wherein said anchoring wall is rotated by approximately 90° in relation to said stiffening wall.

46. (New) Container according to claim 36, wherein said wall arrangement comprises a convex wall.
47. Container according to claim 46, wherein said convex wall comprises a portion of cylindrical surface.
48. (New) Container according to claim 47, wherein said portion of cylindrical surface comprises a semicylindrical surface that extends around an axis substantially passing through said stiffening wall.
49. (New) Container according to claim 36, wherein said shaped wall arrangement comprises a first flat wall and a second flat wall that intersect each other along a common edge.
50. (New) Container according to one of claim 36, wherein said shaped wall arrangement comprises a substantially flat intermediate portion and convex peripheral portions.
51. (New) Container according to one of claim 36, wherein said shaped wall arrangement comprises a first convex portion with convexity turned towards the

inside of said container and a second concave portion with concavity turned towards the inside of said container.

52. (New) Container according to claim 36, wherein said shaped wall arrangement comprises side wall arrangement of a stiff packet with a hinged lid for cigarettes.
53. (New) Container according to claim 52, wherein said side wall arrangement comprises a pair of facing side walls interposed between a substantially flat front wall and a substantially flat rear wall of said packet.
54. (New) Foldable blank for forming a container, comprising a first greater panel, a second greater panel, a longitudinal panel that develops parallel to said first greater panel, a longitudinal strip that has a longitudinal side common to said longitudinal panel, wherein said longitudinal panel is subdivided into a first zone that has a side in common with said first greater panel, and a second zone that has a side in common with said longitudinal strip.
55. (New) Foldable blank according to claim 54, wherein said first zone has a transverse extent greater than a further transverse extent of said second zone, said transverse extent and said further transverse extent being measured perpendicular to an axis along which said longitudinal panel extends.

56. (New) Foldable blank according to claim 55, wherein said first greater panel is interposed between a first transverse panel and a second transverse panel lying on opposite sides of said first greater panel along said axis.
57. (New) Foldable blank according to claim 56, wherein said first transverse panel and said second transverse panel extend parallel to said axis by a quantity substantially corresponding to said further transverse extent of said second zone.
58. (New) Foldable blank according to claim 54, wherein said longitudinal panel comprises a first longitudinal crease that delimits said first zone in relation to said second zone.
59. (New) Foldable blank according to claim 58, wherein said first zone extends parallel to said first longitudinal crease for a length substantially the same as a further length of said greater panel along said first longitudinal crease.
60. (New) Foldable blank according to claim 58, wherein said longitudinal strip is connected to said second zone along a second longitudinal crease substantially parallel to said first longitudinal crease.

61. (New) Foldable blank according to claim 60, when appended to claim 24, wherein said longitudinal strip has a longitudinal extent measured parallel to said second longitudinal crease substantially equal to said length of said second zone.
62. (New) Foldable blank according to claim 60, wherein said longitudinal strip is trapezium-shaped, said second longitudinal crease defining a larger base of said trapezium.
63. (New) Foldable blank according to claim 58, wherein said first zone is provided with a cutting line that extends through said first zone in a tilted direction in relation to said first longitudinal crease.
64. (New) Foldable blank according to claim 63, wherein said second zone is provided with a further cutting line that extends through said second zone in a direction tilted in a specular manner in relation to said cutting line with respect to said first longitudinal crease.
65. (New) Foldable blank according to claim 64, wherein said cutting line and said further cutting line are provided with joints.
66. (New) Foldable blank according to claim 54, wherein said first zone is provided with a plurality of creases parallel to one another arranged to give said first zone

a certain yieldability, such that said first zone may take on a concave configuration when folded.

67. (New) Foldable blank according to claim 66, wherein said plurality of creases comprises first creases obtained in a first peripheral region of said first zone and second creases obtained in a second peripheral region of said first zone, said first peripheral region and said second peripheral region being separated by a middle region of said first zone without creases.
68. (New) Foldable blank according to claim 54, wherein said first zone is provided with an intermediate longitudinal crease defining on said first zone a first strip and a second strip.
69. (New) Foldable blank according to claim 54, and furthermore comprising a further longitudinal panel and a further longitudinal strip substantially symmetrical to said longitudinal panel and to said longitudinal strip in relation to an axis of symmetry along which said foldable blank extends.
70. (New) Foldable blank according to claim 54, and defining a die-cut cardboard for packets for cigarettes.